GARRISON ORDERS ARRESTS

Two Extradition Loom in DA's 'Plo

Extradition fights in Texas and Canada loomed today over the ordered arrests of two men linked to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination investigation.

Garrison telegraphed arrest warrants yesterday to Montreal for Gordon Novel and to Dallas for Sergio Archacha Smith, based on charges of conspiring to burglarize a Houma munitions bunker in 1961.

A warrant for Novel's arrest as a material witness in the assassination plot inquiry was issued last week.

NOVEL, WHO LEFT New Orleans before a second subpena was issued for him to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, told newsmen then:

"Garrison wants to know something about activities during 1961 which are related to Mr. Sergio Archacha Smith."

The new charge accuses Novel and Archacha of conspiring with the late David W. Ferrie, another key assassination inquiry figure, to commit simple burglary of a Schlumberger Wells Services munitions dump 40 miles southwest of New Orleans.

The DA's special services investigator, Bill Gurvich, declined to say whether the alleged burglary is connected directly with the Kennedy investigation.

"THIS CASE OCCURRED two years before the Shaw thing," he said, "and may or may not be related."

Shaw is retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw, whom Garrison has arrested for conspiring to kill the late President. Shaw's arraignment is scheduled Wednesday.

Garrison charges that Shaw, Ferrie—who died of what the Orleans Parish coroner called natural causes—and Lee Harvey Oswald planned Kennedy's death in 1963.

"We know where Archacha is — he's in Dallas — but we're not sure where Novel is at this moment," Gurvich said. "But we expect to extradite them wherever they are."

Extradition attempts may touch off legal battles in both Texas and Canada.

REACHED AT Dallas, Archacha said he is not sure what he will do about extradition. However, he added:

"It is a shame that in this country they do this to honest people."

Archacha, a self-styled anti-Castrolite, established the New Orleans Chapter of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front in December of 1960 before the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion. Ferrie, a pilot, reportedly was active in anti-Castro affairs and was associated with Archacha in 1961.

NOVEL HAS BEEN an elusive wanted witness for more than a week. He has averted attempts to bring him back for questioning, and his counsel has attempted to quash a material witness arrest warrant.

Earlier this week, Novel telephoned a States-Item re-

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porter, bitterly criticized the Garrison investigation and challenged the DA to take a lie detector test. He is believed to be in Canada, and the Royal Mounted Police were asked to find him.

THE STATE charge said the burglary conspiracy occurred between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31, 1961. It accuses Novel and Archacha of conspiring "wilfully and unlawfully . . . with David W. Ferrie . . . and others, not named herein, to commit a simple burglary of a munitions bunker in Houma, La., in order to obtain explosives and other forms of munitions . . ."

Gurvich would not say what kind of explosives or munitions were involved because "it might hurt the case."

Novel's attorney, Steve Plotkin, and one of his law partners, Councilman-elect Eddie Sapir, boarded an Eastern Airlines Plan for New York City yesterday.

Only Sapir carried luggage and Plotkin indicated he would return to New Orleans shortly.